6DQCKET NO.: FCI-2707/C6185 JUL 2 1 2003 IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFF In Re Application of: Confirmation No.: 7923 Cornelius G.J. Van Den Aker **Application No.: 09/309,747** Group Art Unit: 3729 Filing Date: May 11, 1999 Examiner: Minh N. Trinh For: A CONNECTOR PRESS BLOCK EXPRESS MAIL LABEL NO: EV 325637128 US **DATE OF DEPOSIT: July 21, 2003** EV325637128US Mail Stop **NON-FEE** \bowtie AF Commissioner for Patents RECEIVED P.O. Box 1450 JUL 2 8 2003 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 **TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700** Sir: REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application is: A Preliminary Amendment. \boxtimes An Amendment Responsive to the Office Action Dated February 21, 2003. An Amendment Supplemental to the Paper filed Other: Applicant(s) has previously claimed small entity status under 37 CFR § 1.27.

Applicant(s)-by its/their undersigned attorney, claims small entity status under 37

a Small Business Concern 67. 24/2003 BABRAHA1 00000073 09309747 01 FC::1252 410.00 09

CFR § 1.2/7 as:

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		a Nonprofit Organization
s.		This application is no longer entitled to small entity status. It is requested that this be noted in the files of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.
-		Loss of Entitlement Enclosed
		Substitute Pages of the Specification are enclosed.
		An Abstract is enclosed.
		Sheets of Proposed Corrected Drawings are enclosed.
		A Certified Copy of each of the following applications: is enclosed.
		An Associate Power of Attorney is enclosed.
		Information Disclosure Statement.
		Attached Form 1449.
		A copy of each reference as listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith.
		Appended Material as follows: .
		Other Material as follows: .

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INDEP. CLAIMS	2	4 (3 MINIMUM)	0	\$42 EACH	\$	\$84 EACH	\$0
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	month(s).

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- Any additional filing fees required, including fees for the presentation of extra claims under 37 CFR § 1.16.
- Any additional patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 or 1.20(d).

SHOULD ANY DEFICIENCIES APPEAR with respect to this application, including deficiencies in payment of fees, missing parts of the application or otherwise, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is respectfully requested to promptly notify the undersigned.

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